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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Israel Aguilera, 30, and Francisco Cazares-Olivas, aka: Poncho, 53, of Madison, were each sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 125 months (10 years, 5 months) in prison without parole for conspiracy to possess more than five kilograms of cocaine.

United States Attorney Peterson noted that the charges followed an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau.

Peterson stated, "This case is a solid example of law enforcement cooperation across agency lines. I commend our law enforcement partners who were able to quickly piece together this major drug investigation resulting in the recovery of 41 kilograms of cocaine and \$24,800."

The prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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